

# Buy Recycled



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It is our demand for recycled products that makes our recycled materials valuable. Look for the recycled alternative when shopping. In fact, you may already buy many recycled products without thinking about it: your car is primarily made of steel, most of which has recycled content. The cereal box and detergent bottle you put in your shopping cart most likely have recycled content. Many tissue products contain recycled office paper.

Ask about recycled alternatives where you shop. The more recycled material is used in products you buy, the easier it becomes for recycling programs to operate and expand the list of materials they collect.

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